



Clinical Dietitian –Older Persons Service (0.75 FTE)

Nutrition Services

Position No: 19103-017

Report To: Dietitian Team Leader
Nutrition Services
Tauranga Hospital

Liase with: Ward Multidisciplinary Team

Main Purpose

To provide effective and high quality nutritional care at Tauranga Hospital.

Principal Accountabilities

Key Areas of Responsibility	Expected Outcomes
Shared responsibility for ensuring a high quality nutrition service	<p>Portrays a high level of professionalism in all aspects of dietetics and establishes credibility by active participation in the workplace.</p> <p>Demonstrates ability to establish rapport and harmonious interpersonal relationships.</p> <p>Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of current trends and standards of dietary practice and maintains a vision for the future.</p> <p>Demonstrates a conscientious and reliable approach</p> <p>Communicates effectively, positively and courteously.</p> <p>Shows a commitment towards biculturalism recognizes individual cultural needs and is aware of differing values.</p>

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<p>To accept dietetic responsibly for designated ward for patients requiring modified diets</p>	<p>Follows up all nutrition referrals within an acceptable time frame.</p> <p>Accepts responsibility for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing patients nutritional needs • education of patient • liaising with other health professionals to ensure recommendations implemented. <p>Ensures documentation follows departmental guidelines.</p>
<p>To accept responsibility for delegated dietetic outpatients.</p>	<p>Works on a one to one basis with outpatients in a clinic setting.</p> <p>Provides group sessions where appropriate.</p> <p>Ensures documentation follows departmental guidelines.</p>
<p>Participates in ongoing professional development.</p>	<p>Attends educational sessions to increase and update knowledge and enhance performance.</p> <p>Exchanges skills and information with others.</p> <p>Evaluates own performance and participates in performance review.</p> <p>Possesses current knowledge which reflects modern scientific trends and shares this on a professional basis with colleagues.</p>

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

1. You are required to maintain your current competency based practicing certificate
2. You must notify Manager of any changes to scope or conditions on practice (determined by Regulatory Authority)
3. You must complete the requirements of any competency programme
4. You must notify employer of concerns relating to the risk of harm to the public of another health practitioner practicing below the required standard of competence.
5. Know the provisions of the HPCAA as the governing legislation

Health and Safety

You are expected to meet the health and safety requirements set out in BOPDHB policies and protocols and any other requirements set out in the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

Treaty of Waitangi/Cultural Competency

BOPDHB is committed to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

These key tasks may be amended or extended to meet changing circumstances following consultation.

The Person

Essential

- New Zealand Registered Dietitian or proof of pre-registration approval
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- Able to demonstrate cultural sensitivity
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal

Desirable

- Interest in working with the elderly

Relevant Experience

At least 1 years experience preferable

Personal Attributes

- warm, friendly personality with ability to form rapport with patients, caregivers and health professionals